

# **FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

## **SB 2669 – HB 2618**

March 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014634):** Deletes Section 1(c) of the original bill. Changes the proposed penalty for sending a text message while operating a motor vehicle from a Class C misdemeanor, subject to a fine not exceeding \$50 and court costs not exceeding \$10, to a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$50. Prohibits the Department of Safety from assigning a point value for driver's license suspension or revocation for any violation of text messaging while driving.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Revenue - \$111,100  
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue - \$5,900  
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$139,000**  
**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue - \$7,300**  
**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

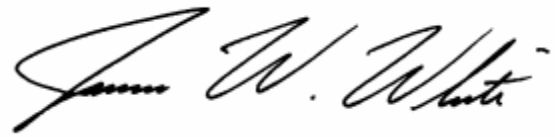
#### **Assumptions applied to amendment:**

- 3,900 offenses per year were estimated in the original fiscal note.
- 25 percent will not pay due to indigence.
- Total citation revenue is estimated to be \$146,300 (3,900 citations x \$50 x 75% = \$146,250) per year.
- Local governments receive five percent of fine revenue.
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$7,300 (\$146,300 x 5% = \$7,315) per year.
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$185,200 (\$146,300 - \$7,300 local share = \$139,000) per year.

- The increase to state and local government expenditures are unchanged from the original fiscal note.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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